

Initial Claims - July 2004

There were 6,673 initial claims filed for Unemployment Insurance Benefits in July 2004; a decrease of 710 (-9.6%) from the 7383 claims filed in July 2003. The estimated number of layoffs prevented as a result of Rhode Island's Workshare Program numbered 83, down from 198 in July 2003.

According to our Mass Layoff Statistic's Program, 2,096 firms laid off workers in July. A total of 5,343 claims were filed by workers associated with these firms. There were 59 significant events identified this month. A significant event involves firms having a layoff of twelve or more people.

July Initial Claims By Major Industry Division		
Industry	Claims	Percent
Total, All Industries	5,343	100.0%
Agriculture, Forestry, and Fishing	24	0.4%
Mining	3	0.1%
Construction	384	7.2%
Manufacturing	1262	23.6%
Transportation, Communication & Utilities	301	5.6%
Wholesale Trade	108	2.0%
Retail Trade	646	12.1%
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	268	5.0%
Services	1,426	26.7%
Government	135	2.5%
Not Classified	786	14.7%

Employees in the Services sector filed 1,426 initial claims accounting for 27 percent of the initial claims filed this month. Business Services (468) and Health Services (261) had the largest losses in this sector.

Employees of Rhode Island manufacturing companies filed a total of 1,262 initial claims, representing nearly 24 percent of the July claims. Within the Manufacturing sector, Miscellaneous Manufacturing, which includes the Jewelry industry, accounted for the most layoffs (427), followed by Fabricated Metal Products (216), and Textile Mill Products (190).

Retail Trade workers filed 646 initial claims accounting for 12 percent of the month's initial claims. Nearly half of the claims filed by Retail Trade employees were from Eating and Drinking Places (260).

Initial claims filed by Construction workers numbered 384, representing 7 percent of the initial claims filed this month.

Monthly Highlight: The Services Sector represents the largest number of layoffs for the second month due to layoffs in school related activities and temporary help agencies. The Manufacturing Sector is second for the largest number of layoffs due to vacation shut-downs, typical for Manufacturing in RI during July.

July Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Total Industries	5,343	100%
Agriculture	24	0.4%
01 Agriculture Production - Crops	10	0.2%
02 Agricultural Production - Livestock and Animal Specialties	1	0.0%
07 Agricultural Services	12	0.2%
08 Forestry	0	0.0%
09 Fishing, Hunting, and Trapping	1	0.0%
Mining	3	0.1%
14 Mining and Quarrying of Nonmetallic Minerals, Except Fuels	3	0.1%
Construction	384	7.2%
15 Building Construction - General Contractors and Operative Builders	60	1.1%
16 Construction - General Contractors	44	0.8%
17 Construction - Special Trade Contractors	280	5.2%
Manufacturing	1,262	23.6%
20 Food and Kindred Products	24	0.4%
22 Textile Mill Products	190	3.6%
23 Apparel and Other Finished Products Made from Fabrics and Similar Materials	9	0.2%
24 Lumber and Wood Products, Except Furniture	4	0.1%
25 Furniture and Fixtures	59	1.1%
26 Paper and Allied Products	30	0.6%
27 Printing, Publishing, and Allied Industries	23	0.4%
28 Chemicals and Allied Products	12	0.2%
29 Petroleum Refining and Related	4	0.1%
30 Rubber and Miscellaneous Plastics Products	55	1.0%
31 Leather and Leather Products	14	0.3%
32 Stone, Clay, Glass and Concrete Products	37	0.7%
33 Primary Metal Industries	38	0.7%
34 Fabricated Metal Products, Except Machinery and Transportation Equipment	216	4.0%
35 Industrial and Commercial Machinery and Computer Equipment	34	0.6%
36 Electronic and Other Electrical Equipment and Components, Except Computer Equipment	30	0.6%
37 Transportation Equipment	42	0.8%
38 Instruments	14	0.3%
39 Miscellaneous Manufacturing Industries	427	8.0%
Transportation, Communication, and Public Utilities	301	5.6%
41 Local and Suburban Transit and Interurban Highway Passenger Transportation	203	3.8%
42 Motor Freight Transportation and Warehousing	43	0.8%
43 United States Postal Service	0	0.0%
44 Water Transportation	20	0.4%
45 Transportation by Air	5	0.1%
47 Transportation Services	7	0.1%
48 Communications	19	0.4%
49 Electric, Gas, and Sanitary Services	4	0.1%
Wholesale Trade	108	2.0%
50 Wholesale Trade - Durable Goods	74	1.4%
51 Wholesale Trade - Nondurable Goods	34	0.6%
Retail Trade	646	12.1%
52 Building Materials, Hardware, Garden Supply, and Mobile Home Dealers	26	0.5%
53 General Merchandise Stores	30	0.6%
54 Food Stores	119	2.2%
55 Automotive Dealers and Gasoline Service Stations	36	0.7%
56 Apparel and Accessory Stores	35	0.7%
57 Home Furniture, Furnishings, and Equipment Stores	24	0.4%
58 Eating and Drinking Places	260	4.9%
59 Miscellaneous Retail	116	2.2%

July Layoffs by Industry

SIC Industry	Number	Percent
Finance, Insurance, and Real Estate	268	5.0%
60 Depository Institutions	91	1.7%
61 Nondepository Credit Institutions	27	0.5%
62 Security and Commodity Brokers, Dealers, Exchanges, and Services	4	0.1%
63 Insurance Carriers	73	1.4%
64 Insurance Agents, Brokers, and Service	11	0.2%
65 Real Estate	58	1.1%
67 Holding and Other Investment Offices	4	0.1%
Services	1,426	26.7%
70 Hotels, Rooming Houses, Camps, and Other Lodging Places	31	0.6%
72 Personal Services	36	0.7%
73 Business Services	468	8.8%
75 Automotive Repair, Services, and Parking	44	0.8%
76 Miscellaneous Repair Services	27	0.5%
78 Motion Pictures	6	0.1%
79 Amusement and Recreation Services	36	0.7%
80 Health Services	261	4.9%
81 Legal Services	17	0.3%
82 Educational Services	219	4.1%
83 Social Services	158	3.0%
84 Museums, Art Galleries, and Botanical and Zoological Gardens	1	0.0%
86 Membership Organizations	51	1.0%
87 Engineering, Accounting, research, Management, and Related Services	69	1.3%
88 Private Households	2	0.0%
89 Miscellaneous Services	0	0.0%
Government	135	2.5%
91 Executive, Legislative, and General Government, Except Finance	134	2.5%
92 Justice, Public Order, and Safety	0	0.0%
93 Administration & Human Resource Programs	0	0.0%
95 Administration of Environmental & Housing Program	1	0.0%
96 National Security & International Affairs	0	0.0%
97 Administration of Economic Programs	0	0.0%
 No Industry Assigned	 786	 14.7%